

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were previously pending in the application, including withdrawn claims 23-27. Claims 23-27 have been canceled in this paper. Accordingly, claims 1-22 are now pending.

Applicant expresses gratitude for the Examiner's discussions with the undersigned representative on February 29, 2008 and March 3, 2008. In those discussions on the pending claims, the Examiner proposed amendments that would bring the claims into a condition for allowance.

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended the claims as agreed in the discussions with the Examiner. These amendments are made without disclaimer of the scope of the previously pending claims, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims similar to the previously pending claims, for example in a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is solicited. Should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,



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